LPG Distributor for Bhikiyasain in Almora District (U.P.)

*211. SHRIMATI MALTISHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 4088 and 1196 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July and 9th December, 1998, respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till date the proposed LPG distributor has not been selected for Bhikiyasain in Almora;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Oil Companies and Dealer Selection Board were given instructions to expedite the selection;

(d) if so, when these instructions were given; and

(e) whether Government propose to find out the reasons for inordinate delay and fix responsibility in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (e) Location Bhikiyasain was advertised under Physically Handicapped (Woman) category for setting up LPG distributorship. Applications were forwarded to the Dealer Selection Board in January, 1999 for selection of the distributor. As the functioning of the Dealer Selection Boards was kept in abeyance since April, 1999, interview for the location has not been held. The Dealer Selection Boards have recently been dissolved by the Government. The constitution of New Dealer Selection Boards is under consideration. The process of selection of distributor will start again thereafter.

Developmental Activities in Naxal-Hit areas of A.P.

*212. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted an action plan for developmental activities in naxal hit areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details of the plan under scrutiny; and

(c) the amount proposed to be sanctioned for this purpose?